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ALERT: Passports Now Required for All International Air Travel

LANSING, MI, September 26, 2007 -- Beginning at midnight on September 30, 2007, all passengers are required to present a passport when flying between the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean. **Previously, providing proof of passport application and citizenship was enough. This is no longer the case.** For those crossing at land borders via car or foot, a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, plus proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate is still sufficient.

Press Releases and Updates:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a [press release](#) on September 4, 2007 detailing these changes.

For up-to-date information regarding land border crossings between Canada and the United States effective under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), please visit the [Bureau of Consular Affairs' WHTI website](#) or the [US Customs and Border Protection site](#).

US citizens: if you still need to apply for a passport, please visit the [Bureau of Consular Affairs' Passport website](#). Canadians: if you still need to apply for a passport, please visit the [Passport Canada website](#) (in French and English).